



Bob McCutcheon

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Santa Maria said goodbye to longtime basketball player, teach and coach, Bob McCutcheon. Several hundred people were on hand for a celebration of his life at the Grace Baptist Church gym-on the basketball court. Family and friends shared stories about McCutcheon and spoke of what he called “his promotion” – the end of life on earth and promotion to everlasting life in Heaven.

“Bob can rest in peace,” said Bill Bertka, a Santa Maria Golden Duke teammate. “Bob made a substantial contribution to the game of basketball-as a player, as a high school and a college coach. Anyone who has ever known him has benefited from that relationship.”

"His career transcends all of basketball in the Santa Maria Valley and he meant a lot to the game," said Bob White, who replaced him at Hancock College and also played for McCutcheon at both SMHS and AHC. "He built a legacy at Santa Maria High School and continued the legacy at Hancock and he did things the right way, his teams were built like machines. He was like a father to me and everyone who ever came in contact with him is better for it."

"He was a great person and a great friend, a great teammate and a great player. He played against the best and more than held his own." Bob will be sorely missed," said another legendary Golden Duke player, Madison Stanford.

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